

Hautmont
France 19/2/19

Dear Tom & Ida,

I feel that I must try & write a few lines although they won't be many, as it is pretty late, but am going to leave tomorrow & have been busy squaring up old mail & have sorted out a number of letters which I haven't yet acknowledged. They are, one from Ida sent with clothes on 3/6/18 yours & Ida's 9/6/18 & yours 28/7/18. Am always glad to get letters from both of you, whether short or long, although I must admit that I haven't deserved, but am trying to make an improvement in that direction. While I think of it remember me to Mark & Jack & all the families. I saw the notice of Gordon B's marriage, flash cook, by the reading of the notice one would

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think he was "some guy," however everyone to their tastes! Am sorry you didn't have the luck to get the job at the Uni Dom, it would have lighter work at any rate, but it's a long road old man that has no turning. We thought it was a darn long road over here, if you had been here getting into action for a few hours then packing up & on again Gee but those infantry lads of ours seemed to have seven leagued boots on, they took some following believe me. Still old Fritz pegged away until he got into a corner & to the road turned & we were up the straight in no time. Our infantry are 'posed to be the fastest in the world, I only know of one lot faster (Fritz's). I was glad when our lads went out of the line in one way, as we had an easier time

after that. To Tom I didn't "Billy"
but have heard about him. Aussie
has a good deal more to thank
him for than a lot of people think.
Well now old chaps, brother will
give what little news I have to
give, so will bid youse two
adieu for the time being.

Keep your peckers bright
& smiling as I'll be looking for
all the sunshine I can get, when
I get away from this snow bound
country!

Remember me to all those
interested, & accept my love to
you both.

I am Your affectionate
brother
Gair